

SUMMARY OF INTERVIEW

Attendees, Date and Type of Interview

The interview was conducted on June 6, 2008 and attended by Examiner Rudy Zervigon and Katsuhiro Arai.

Exhibits and/or Demonstrations

None.

Identification of Claims Discussed

Claim 1.

Identification of Prior Art Discussed

Horie et al. (US 5,951,923)

Proposed Amendments

None.

Principal Arguments and Other Matters

Applicant explained that having an exterior surface and an interior surface as shown in Fig. 3 is distinguishable from the structures shown in Figs. 9 and 10 of Horie. The Examiner suggested amending the claims to reflect the feature. Contrary to the Examiner's interview summary, the distinction does not rely on where vaporization is conducted; rather the distinction rests on the fact that the plate is configured for precursor to flow across the external, top surface of the evaporation plate and to then be distributed through the interior of the vaporization plate upstream of the showerhead plate. The evaporation plate 111 of Horie et al. is configured only to receive and flow precursor on its exterior surfaces.

Results of Interview

Applicant requested further discussion on claim amendments in line with the Examiner's suggestion.